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FOR: SPEED CHANGE RATIO CONTROL UNIT FOR CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY OF JAPANESE REFERENCES

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The following patent documents are cited in the Information Disclosure

Statement submitted with this statement:

1. Japanese Patent Application (Laid-open Kokai) JP09-144861
Title: INITIALIZING DEVICE OF SPEED CHANGE RATIO
CONTROL DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE
TRANSMISSION
Publication Date: June 3, 1997
Application Number: JP07-321245 November 16, 1995
IPC: F16H 61/02, F16H 9/00 //F16H 59:38, F16H 59:44,
F16H 59:68
Applicant: NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD

The applicants have reviewed the reference and provide the following statement
of relevance:

This reference discloses the means to improve fuel consumption when an action of departure from stopping of a car is performed in a short time, eliminate a feeling of physical disorder, and improve comfortableness to ride in by adjusting an angle position of a step motor so that an angle position command value of the step motor and an angle position of the step motor coincide with each other.

A control unit inputs signals of an engine rotating speed sensor 301, a vehicle speed sensor 302, a throttle opening sensor 303, a shift position switch 304, a turbine rotating speed sensor 305, an engine cooling water temperature sensor 306, an idle switch 307 and a changeover detecting switch 298, and calculates an angle position command value of a step motor. A step motor angle position adjusting part 480 performs a speed limit or the like by considering performance of the step motor 110 on a step motor control signal to drive the step motor 110 so that an angle position command value of the step motor and an angle position of the step motor 110 coincide with each other, and outputs it.

2. Japanese Patent Application (Laid-open - Kokai) JP11-082701
Title: CHANGE GEAR RATIO CONTROL DEVICE OF
CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION
Publication Date: March 26, 1999
Application Number: JP09-234604 August 29, 1997
IPC: F16H 61/02 //F16H 59:70, F16H 63:06
Applicant: NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD

The applicants have reviewed the reference and provide the following statement of relevance:

This reference discloses the means to control a change gear ratio accurately by restraining the shift between an estimated opening amount and the actual opening amount of a shift control valve, while compensating the external disturbance such as the power swing of a step motor.

This device is provided with a target change gear ratio calculation part 410 for setting the target change gear ratio of a continuously variable transmission in response to a vehicular operation state, a real change gear ratio calculation part 430 for detecting a real change gear ratio, an external disturbance compensation means for calculating a change gear ratio order value based on the target change gear ratio so as to be a prescribed dynamic characteristic by compensating the external disturbance added to the continuously variable transmission and a step motor angle position adjusting part 510 for driving the step motor so that the actual change gear ratio is matched with the change gear ratio order value. In an opening direction calculation part 460, an opening amount of the shift control valve is calculated estimatingly from the change gear ratio order value after the compensation of the external disturbance and the change gear ratio order value before the compensation of the external disturbance and in a control subject

dynamic characteristic calculation part 470, a time constant for deciding the dynamic characteristic is changed based on the estimation value of this opening amount.

3. Japanese Patent Application (Laid-open - Kokai) JP2001-116131
Title: APPARATUS FOR INITIALIZING SPEED CHANGE CONTROL SYSTEM OF CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION
Publication Date: April 27, 2001
Application Number: JPI1-295309 October 18, 1999
IPC: F16G 61/02, F16H 9/00 //F16H 59:72, F16H 63:06
Applicant: NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD

The applicants have reviewed the reference and provide the following statement of relevance:

This reference discloses the means to prevent troubles such as stepping out resulting from an illegal combination of the driving speed and the driving pattern of a stepping motor which match oil temperature during initialization.

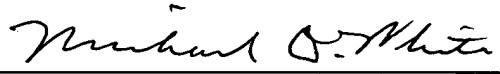
Oil temperature is measured in 21, and a stepping motor driving speed is determined in accordance with the oil temperature in 22 and the oil temperature is recalculated in 23. In 24, the oil temperature in 23 is checked to see whether it is normal or low; when it is low, a pattern for low temperature is selected as the stepping motor driving pattern in 25; when it is normal, a pattern for normal temperature is selected in 26. In 27, the driving patterns selected in 25 or 26 are sequentially output in a cycle that matches the driving speed determined in 22. In 28, 27 is repeated until initialization of the stepping motor is

determined to be complete, so as to advance initialization. When initialization is complete, stepping motor driving control for a normal shift mode is performed in 29. Hence, during initialization the stepping motor driving speed and the driving pattern are held respectively at the driving speed determined in 22 at the start of initialization and at the driving pattern determined in 25 or 26, also at the start of initialization.

Respectfully submitted,

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